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DUMMIES SWEAR OFF TAXES.

GRAFT REVEALED BY ARREST OF A CITY HALL FOUR.

Taxpayers Personated-Philip Baer, Librarian of the City Hall, and Three Others Arrested - Combine Did a Land Office Business, Jerome Thinks.

A number of arrests for tax frauds made yesterday revealed a swearing-off business done by dummies which as the District Attorney believes is of old standing and has been extensive enough to have lost the city many thousands of dollars.

The indications are that the policy of increasing a man's personalty assessment next year when he pays this year without demur has given an opening to grafters which has been worked assiduously.

In the case in which the arrests were made yesterday the taxpayer's assessment was doubled each year for three years and every year somebody came to him with a promise to get it reduced for a consideration. The consideration was half the saving of the tax and the assessment was reduced yesterday from \$90,000 to \$10,000 on the oath of a dummy representing himself to be the taxpayer. In another case an assessment on \$250,000 is said to have been sworn off by a dummy.

Philip Baer, librarian of the City Hall, a Republican of the Thirty-first Assembly district, appointed by Mayor Strong in 897, was arrested yesterday at about noon at the City Hall by Detective Sergeant McNaught and taken to the Criminal Courts Building. There he was detained in the District Attorney's office until after 5 o'clock, by which time the police and county detectives had gathered in three other

The quartet were taken to the chambers of the Justices of Special Sessions and charged by County Detective William K. Secord with attempted subornation of perjury in inducing him to personate Monroe B. Bryant, a well-known dealer in rings at 7 Maiden Lane, and swear off a personal assessment of \$80,000. They were held for examination this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Walter P. Sawyer, a bookkeeper, 162 West Sixty-sixth street; Moses R. Springer, a salesman, of 95 West 119th street, and Nathan Springer, who says he works for a law collecting agency and who is a brother to Moses, were the three held with Baer. Sawyer is said to have confessed and his bail was fixed at \$1,000, while the others were held in \$2,000 Only Baer gave ball. The rest are in the Tomb.

District Attorney Jerome was informed by a reporter on Monday afternoon that there was a gang at work who by procuring dummies were swearing off the personal esesaments of as many men as were willing to pay. The reporter produced an actor named George Harcourt, who had run against the gang and learned of its methods

Yesterday morning Harcourt came to the District Attorney's office and said that Baer and his associates in the gang wanted a man about 50 years old to act as a dummy for Monroe B Bryant, whose personal assessment this year was \$80,000. Mr. Jerome detailed County Detective Second to act as the dummy. Second accompanied Harcourt to the City Hall, and they were shadowed by two other county detectives. As the City Hall Harcourt and Second, court introduced Second and the "four" told him that he was to personate Mr.

Secord says that Nathan Springer gave him a memorardum showing him what to swear to. He was coached as to his assets and liabilities. After he had posted him self sufficiently he went with Baer to Broadway and up to the Tax office. He met on the way a man who has not yet been arrested This man took him to the Tax office, where b fore Commissioner Strasburger Secord swore off \$70,000 of the \$30,000.

While Secord was swearing off Mr. Bry ant's taxes Harcourt at the City Hall got \$10 from Sawyer as payment for bringing Secord around. Secord himself went back to the City Hall, where he made careful inquiries concerning the four. He learned that Sawyer had an office uptown and he went there and met Sawyer. He said that he wanted "the stuff" for his work and Sawyer gave him \$5, saying that Harcourt had also got some money, part of which was for

Attorney and Detective Sergeant McNaught and Policemen Sullivan, Feeney and Becker,

and Policemen Sullivan. Feeney and Becker, and County Detective Maher were assigned to get the quartet. The four were taken before Justice Olmsted and arraigned on a short afficiavit by Secord.

"While the four were being gathered in." District Attorney Jerome said later, "I sent word to Mr. Bryant that I wanted to see him. When I got him here he spoke freely of what had occurred. He said that he had been visited year after year by persons who told him they could get his assessments reduced. He didn't take them and every year his assessment was doubled. This year he was notified that it was \$80,000, and after the notification he was called upon by one of the four and asked what he would give to have his assessment reduced. He said he would give half what was saved. That was a perfectly proper act on his part; any one has a right to get his assessment reduced, providing he doesn't enter into negotiations to get it done by criminal means. Mr. Bryant did not make any such negotiations.

"As his assessment was reduced \$70,000,

negotiations.

As his assessment was reduced \$70,000, that would mean that he would save \$1,400 at 2 per cent. tax, half of which \$1,400 the four would get. Nathan Springer was identified by Bryant as the man who had called at his office and offered to get the

called at his office and offered to get the assessment reduced.

"I believe that there are others involved in this scheme, but I do not know how many or who they are, for I haven't had much time to investigate. I know of one instance of an assessment of \$250,000 having been sworn off by a dummy, and I do not believe that the operations of the schemers have been confined to this year.

"I am unable to give any estimate as to the amount of money the city has lost by this scheme, but I have no doubt it is very large. You can go anywhere along Maiden lane, Wall street or any other part of the financial district and find many men who have been approached with offers to get assessments reduced.

"The fact that Mr. Bryant's assessments

"The fact that Mr. Bryant's assessments were doubled every year must not be taken to mean that tax officials were in this scheme. My own taxes were doubled this year. I know of one case where an up-town brewer was approached and refused deal with the man, saying that he had lready got a politician to see to it that his assessment was reduced." Sawyer, who is said to have confessed,

Best reference—Coughs cured by it-Jayne's Expectorant.—Adv.

The Line of Least Recistance runs along the Hudson River, through the Mohawk Valley, along Lake Eric and Lake Michigan, to bicago, with branches to Cheinaul and St. Louis. 8 is called the New York Central.—Adv.

was put through an examination in the office of Assistant District Attorney Schurman, and while it was going on Police Commissioner Greene and Deputy Piper called at the District Attorney's office and were taken into the conference. Lawyer William R. Spooner came in and said he represented Mr. Baer, and George Simpson appeared for the Springers. Sawyer was not represented by counsel and made no effort to obtain any. When the prisoners were taken before Justice Olmsted Mr. Spooner said:

"These proceedings were an outrage."

"These proceedings were an outrage. The law requires that as soon as arrested a citizen is entitled to an arraignment before a Magistrate, but instead my client was confined in the District Attorney's office and put through an inquisition."

"All I know about it is that I have just issued a warrest for your client's arrest.

"All I know about it is that I have just issued a warrant for your client's arrest upon the charge of subornation of perjury," replied Justice Olmsted, "and immediately your client has been arraigned."

A large roil of money was found in Nathan Springer's pocket. Something of interest to the District Attorney is said to have been found in Baer's pocket.

The Tax Commissioners knew nothing about the trap District Attorney Jerome had prepared until after the arrests were made. He had not sought information or assistance from the members of the board. In fact, he had no time to do so.

"In the past few days," said President Wells, "we have heard rumors that some of the persons who have called at this office to swear off taxes were impersonating those upon whom personal assessments had been made. We were unable to move in the matter because we have to take the word of a man who comes in here and states under oath that he is Mr. So-and-so and that he is not liable for personal taxes. If either myself or any of the other Commissioners oath that he is Mr. So-and-so and that he is not liable for personal taxes. If either myself or any of the other Commissioners before whom the alleged false oaths have been taken are summoned to give evidence by the District Attorney against the persons who have been arrested it is more than probable that we would not be able to identify them as the signers of the affidavits which they are charged with having fraudulently signed. So many people pass be-

which they are charged with having fraudulently signed. So many people pass before us in a day that it would be impossible for us to make identifications."

Fully 80 per cent of the thousands of persons assessed on personalty either swear off altogether or seek reduction of their assessments. The affidavit they make begins with the words: "I swear that I am.....the person to whom the within notice is addressed."

Philip Baer is a member of the Central Republican Club, and was formerly an election district captain in the Twenty-seventh Assembly district. He has recently been rather prominent in the affairs of the Republican organization of the Thirty-first Assembly district, of which Tax Com-

of the Republican organization of the Thirty-first Assembly district, of which Tax Commissioner Strasbourger is the leader. Mr. Strasbourger said last night:

"I know Baer only as I know 100 other members of the club. He is not my protegé, but is the protegé of Alderman Goodman. Everybody knows how honest Mr. Goodman is. I believe Baer is honest, but I shouldn't be surprised to hear he had been made a catspaw in this affair.

"The other commissioners and I have suspected personations of men at our office, but we have had no means of detecting such frauds. We have to rely on the affidavits submitted to us.

"Baer has introduced several applicants to me at the office, but I don't remember that he was there to-day."

POWERS ARE HESITATING NOW. Want to Be Sure Venezuela's Offer Will Cover Debts.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Just at the mo-ment when the ending of the acute phase of the Venezuelan trouble appeared assured new difficulties have been raised over Venezuela's offer through Mr. Bowen to guarantee payment of the foreign claims by pledging the Venezuelan customs. The allied Powers have raised the point that Veneuzela may not be able, on account of having given France, for example, a prior and thus assure payment to them. Mr. Bowen has made a positive statement that the prior guarantees will not interfere in

behalf of Venezuela. Sir Michael Herbert, the British Ambassador, called on Mr. Bowen this morning and had a long conference with him. Sir Michael appeared also in behalf of Count Quadt, the German Chargé d'Affaires. He was apparently very favorably inclined toward the acceptance by the allies of Mr. Bowen's blockade raising proposal, but had no authority to say that any one nation others to meet the wishes of the Venezuelan

Signor Mayor des Planches, Sir Michael Herbert and Count Quadt, representatives of the allies, called in a body on Mr. Bowel this afternoon to discuss the new point that has arisen. After the conference the matter was declared to be of no materia importance in the negotiations, and had not been broached by the European repre sentatives under instructions from their

CARACAS IN DARKNESS.

Gas Supply Falls Because of Shortage of Coal Due to the Blockade.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN From THE SUN Correspondent at Caracas. CARACAS, Jan. 27.-As a result of th blockade the capital was in darkness last

night, the gas supply having become exhausted owing to the lack of coal. There is flour enough in the city to las for more than six days. The Government is bringing to Caracas corn enough to feed the city for a month. Salt is the

only article of food that is extremely scarce It is now selling for 20 cents a pound. It will therefore be seen that the Venezue ans here are not suffering to any great extent from the effects of the blockade, as the Government is making efforts to supply them with the necessaries of life.

The foreigners are worse sufferers than the

Banks in Chile and Buenos Ayres have offered to supply President Castro with the money necessary to meet the Angio-German claims, asking 4 per cent. interest

The revolutionists are circulating reports that the statements cabled here to shortly are false, and that Mr. Bowen,

the American Minister, has been replaced. Advices received by The Sun correspond ent by cable from Maracaibo show that nothing new has occurred there. There is one warship cruising far off the bar. The

city is more than usually quiet. Venezuelan stock advanced 3 points o-day. The foreign and diplomatic debts are quoted at par.

REGINALD VANDERBILT HERE? in Canfield Case.

Mr. Jerome said last night that accord ing to information he had Regirald Vanderbilt was in town. He said, however that Mr. Vanderbilt would not be subpernaed

CLEVELAND, OLNEY, WHITNEY

MEET AT THE WALDORF AND SAY NO POLITICS IN IT.

But "Tariff Revision" Seems to Be the Song-Mr. Cleveland Shakes With Laughter When Asked If He's a Candidate for 1904-He's No Prophet.

The Democratic Presidential nomination band is beginning to tune up. The first squeaking of the violine has been heard. hen come the 'cello and the allegro moderato-andante-menuetto-allegro con The Hon. Grover Cleveland of New Jer-

sey and the Hon. Richard Olney of Massahusetts and the Hon. William C. Whitney of New York had a long talk at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel yesterday morning.

Mr. Cleveland was Basso-Profundo, Mr.

Whitney was the 'cello and Mr. Olney. in the estimation of certain Tennes Democrats, who were at the hotel, first violin. Then came that gentle gentleman Edward M. Shepard of Brooklyn, and Mynherr Glück or Herr Bach or Herr Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart might have clamped Mr. Shepard as a harpsichord.

Mr. Cleveland, Mr. Olney, Mr. Whitney and Mr. Shepard had a very pleasant talk on personal and other matters, and yet there was a sort of discordant tone about Mr. Olney because Mr. Olney, Secretary of State in Mr. Cleveland's second Cabinet, came out flatfooted for Bryan in 1900.

Mr Whitney has always been known as the fool-killer of the Democratic party; he was the fool-killer in Mr Cleveland's first administration, and, incidentally, he was the fool-chopper in Mr. Cleveland's second administration, although possibly

some may not have known it.

The former President, Mr. Cleveland, stated that the meeting between himself, Mr. Olney and Mr. Whitney had no political significance, and Mr. Whitney smiled last night when the matter was brought to his attention. He recalled the happy days that he had spent with Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Olney and he wondered if he couldn't meet Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Olney without political matters coming up. Mr. Whitney stated there was no politics in his meetin with Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Olney; that it was a mere personal visit; that nobody should exercise his brain over it.

Mr. Cleveland said: "My meeting to-day with Mr. Olney and Mr. Whitney and Mr. Shepard has no political significance, for the reason that I have ceased to be an object of political concern.

Mr. Olney interpolated: "It is natural that when I am in the city of New York that I would like to greet Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Whitney in a pleasant talk."

For the last year many Democrats in the East and Middle West and Far Western States have spoken of Mr. Olney as a likely Democratic candidate for the Presiden 1904. Mr. Cleveland was asked about this matter yesterday and he stated: "I have not the gift of prophecy; all that I can say is that I expressed my confidence in Mr. Olney when I chose him to be Secretary

"Will you be a candidate in 1904, Mr. Cleveland?" The former President shook his sides as he laughed and said: "I have not been

asked." is booming, the Democrats of the nation are beginning to look around and get together and see what can be done, and it appears to be the programme that the Democrats shall go into their next national campaign not with the old Tilden cry of

"tariff for revenue," but "A revision of the tariff!

"A revision of the tariff!

"A revision of some of the high scheduler of the tariff!" Meantime the Hon. James M. Guffey, Democratic National Committeeman from ennsylvania, who is to succeed the Hon. James K. Jones of Arkansas as chairman of the committee, was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and the machinery is to be put in motion by which there will be a lot of fun

in the campaign of 1904. MRS. DODGE SEEKS DIVORCE. Takes Up Her Residence in South Dakota to Sue Charles Stuart Dedge.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 27.-THE SUN correspondent is enabled to state posi-Flora Bigelow of New York city, has taken apartments at a local hotel and will remain here for the purpose of establishing a resi dence and procuring a divorce.

Mrs. Flora Bigelow Dodge is the youngest noted since her debut as one of the beauties of society. She was married about twelve years ago to Charles Stuart Dodge. They have one child. Mrs. Dodge has been one of the most popular of the younger matrons in society and has spent several winters in Aiken, S. C. She had as her guest last year Lady Helen Mackenzie and they passed most of the winter in the South. Several years ago Mrs. Dodge began to write and some of her short stories revealed in dress and manner and was noted for that as well as for her beauty of face and

PEARY PRESIDENT.

Elected to That Post by the America Geographical Society.

Civil Engineer Peary, U. S. N., the Arctic explorer, was elected president of the American Geographical Society at its annual meeting last night in Mendelssohn Hall. The office has been vacant since the death the effect that the blockade will be raised of the late Judge C. P. Daly, who was for shortly are false, and that Mr. Bowen, many years president of the Society. Mr. Peary is expected to preside at the February meeting, and it is probable that the Daly medal, awarded by the society to the explorer in recognition of the brilliant geographical results of his last four years' work

The treasurer reported that the old house of the society at 11 West Twenty-ninth street had been sold for \$75,000 since the removal of the large library and map collections to the handsome new house at 15 West Eighty-

Lunatic Says He's Miss Gould's Husband. Edward Gardner, a strapping West Indian negro was taken to the Bellevue insane pavilion last night from 33 West Thirty-second street, where he is employed as a waiter. Gardner said he had been married to Miss Helen Gould and got so noisy about it that his employers sent for the police.

For the Connelssour

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.-The Armour people

unexpectedly abandoned their "deal" is May wheat to-day and the enormous liqui-dation which took place carried the price of that delivery nearly 2% cents under the close yesterday. From 81% cents at the opening and 81% to 82 cents for high, the price declined steadily to 78% cents and the close was at 19 a/79% cents.

Armour's sales were estimated as high as 12,000,000 bushels, the business being distributed among the dozen or more houses. A total of nearly 20,000,000 bush-els is believed to have been sold. The sudden termination of the "deal" came as a surprise to every one in the trade and hundreds of smaller holders who had been following the Armour lead, on finding themselves left in the lurch, made a general rush to sell out. Each stage of the deck brought out hundreds and hundreds of

stop-loss orders.

Near the close May wheat sold at 7836 cents. It rested finally at 79 to 79% cents, or a loss of 2% cents for the day. Most of the Armours' line was accumu

lated around 75 cents and from there up to a little above the present market. To day the low point was 78% cents. This means an average profit of around 4 cents bushel on the sales. If the line of 15,000,000 bushels went over

to-day the packer added about \$600,000 to the credit side of his books. NEWS OF SUICIDE BROADCAST

Mrs. Field Announced Her Intention in 18 Letters, but Changed Her Mind. Mrs. George W. Field of 144 West 119 h street quarrelled with her husband recently and yesterday she wrote to seventeen friends

announcing that she intended to kill her-In some way news of these letters reached the other tenants in the building, and one of them, Pauline Reichert, went to the Fleid flat, while another sent for an am-

bulance. Miss Reichert found a half empty bettle of laudanum in Mrs. Field's rooms and tried to persuade her to go away in the ambulance Mrs. Field insisted that she was all right

despite the seventeen letters and went to bed. She said she hadn't taken any laudanum and when her husband came home she seemed to be suffering no il effects. Somebody signing "A. Field, 144 Wes

100th street" sent a death notice to the newspapers last night announcing the death of a well-known New York lawyer.

BOY DYING OF LION'S BITE. Was Admitted to the Cage in a Show by

a Weman Trainer. CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. 27 .- Raymon Bowman, aged 13, is dying at a hospital here from wounds received last night in a lion's cage. He was admitted by Miss Hall, the trainer, against the protest of attendants. Just as he got in the lions became excited, and the largest of the four seasts jumped over the woman and seized Bowman by the left thigh. He was badly

The smell of blood excited the lion's mates and they all joined in the attack. Several men, armed with pitchforks, went While the fiddles are squeaking and the to the boy's rescue and he was dragged out had the wound been lower the leg could have been amputated with some degree of safety. This was not possible, hownight Bowman's temperature and 106.

> HOSPITAL FROM ROCKEFELLER? Chicago University May Have a Plant for

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—It was rumored in University of Chicago circles to-day that the founder of the university, John D. Rockefeller, was to provide for an experimental hospital on the campus, the cost of which will amount to several millions of

dollars. The motive for founding such an institu-Rockefeller has always taken in experiments looking to the cure or relief of baffling and incurable diseases. If reports are correct the founder intends to make the new experimental institution the greatest in the

ANOTHER FORMALIN SUCCESS. Through the New Treatment.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 27.—The first case of treatment of puerperal blood poi-soning by the recently discovered formalin treatment tried in this city was administered in the case of Mrs. Fred Woolfall of 64 Evergreen street. The treatment was given by Dr. Gardner and Dr. Gladwin of Pawtucket, who were called in attendance on Jan. 23, when Mrs. Woolfall was in a precarious condition with little or no hope for her recovery. Her temperature was

The day after the solution was given the temperature and general conditions became almost normal, and it is reported today by the attending physicians that there is every hope of the patient's recovery.

KOUNTZES SWEAR OFF TAX. Foreign Corporation Agrees to Pay on \$500,000 Personalty.

The members of the Kountze family who are the active partners in the banking

who are the active partners in the banking firm of Kountse Bros, of 120 Broadway swore off their personal tax yesterday. They submitted affidavits showing that they were not residents of the city.

President Wells of the Tax Board said that two well-known Litizens had called at the office and after explaining that their legal residence was outside of New York had consented to pay tax on an assessment of \$100,000 each, also that a large corporation doing business in this city, but incorporated in another State, had voluntarily offered to pay on an assessment of \$500.0 and that to pay on an assessment of \$500, 0 and that the offer had been accepted.

LANGAN LET EMMA GOLDMAN GO. se Arrested Her and Her Mate Com panion on General Principles.

ma Go'd nan, the Anarchist, and a man who said he was Max Badinsky, got on a crosstown car at the East Forty-second street ferry last night. Badinsky had a hundle which attracted the attention of Central Office Detectives McMullen and

Central Office Detectives McMullen and Oppenheim, and they took the two to Police Headquarters as suspicious persons.

Scrgt. Pfachler telephoned to Capt. Langan of the Detective Bureau for instructions and Capt. Langan said he didn't see why they should be held. They were accordingly released. Goodyear-Akron Rubber Horse Shoe Pads

ARMOUR UNLOADS WHEAT.

Sells About 18,000,000 Bushels and Makes
About \$600,000 Profit.

In Collision on the Jersey Central.

THE WRECK SET AFIRE

Some of the Imprisoned Passengers Burned to Death.

WAS THE ENGINEER'S FAULT.

He Ran Past the Signal Set to Warn Him of the Danger.

Train That Was Wrecked-Philadelphia Express Ran Into It—Both Trains Late and the Easton Express Not on the Ordinary Track-Engine Climbed Over Three Cars and Smashed a Fourth and Set the Whole Mass Aftre-Then Another Train Crashed Into the Wreckage Hospitals Set Up in Nearby Houses-Many Horrible Incidents Related by Persons Who Escaped Some of the Dead and Injured

The Philadelphia and Reading express eaving the New Jersey Central Railroad's tation in this city at 6 o'clock last night vertock a local express just beyond Cranford, N. J., and ran into it. About twenty parsons were killed

The local train was smashed into spliners. Many of its passengers were killed

outright and a large number were injured. The wreck took fire from the engine of he Philadelphia train and many of the injured were burned to death before they could be reached.

THE ENGINEER TO BLAME.

According to the railroad authorities, the engineer of the express ran by the automatic block signals which warned him that the local express was ahead of him.

The débris of the two wrecked trains was run into immediately by an eastbound lo-

The list of the names of the killed and injured, so far as known, follows:

CHANDLER, ROLAND V., Ninth street, Plainfield. Davis, W. E., the engineer of the Royal Biu

Line flyer.

FLYNN, EDWARD, West Front street, Plainfield.

HAND, HARRY G., son of Justice of Peace Hand

Patanaed.
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Reed. G. E., 202 Leland avenue, Scotch Plains. TRAYER, CHARLES T., 228 East Ninth street Plainfield, an agent of the National Express Com any at New York.

WILLIAMS, FDGAR, lawyer, 125 Broadway, New York, 314 East Sixtn street, Plainfield. At midnight there were, as well as could be told, the remains of ten or welve persons lying unidentified beside he railroad track

Reported Missing. GILES. ELIAS, clerk in New York dry goods CANNON, A. H., of Plainfield. CUMMINGS, HENET, of Plainfield.

Some of the Injured ATGAR, Boy, Dunellen, cut about the face and ead; remained in Plainfield.

Balch, Mns. G. C., of Park avenue, Plainfield;

BROKAW, CORA, daughter of Edgar S. Brokaw cut about the face and body; remained in Plain BROKAW, EDGAR, S., of West Second stree Plainfield; cut about the face and body; remained n Plainfield.

in Plainfield.
CUMINO, THEMAS, 1012 Putnam avenue, Plainfield; leg cut off
CASENONS, MISS PANNIE, Watching avenue,
Plainfield; badily cut about the lower part of the
body; remained in Plainfield.
CLARE, EDWARD B., Ninth atreet, Plainfield;
both legs crushed, serious; remained in Plainfield.
CUTTEF, MISS LIZZIF, Stanford avenue, Plainfield; face badily cut; remained in Plainfield.
CUMMINGS, MRS. E. V., Somerset street, Plain-

CUMMINGS, MRS. P. V., Somerset street, Plain

Plainfield.
CHANDLER, GRORGE, of Plainfield; back broken.
CLARR, W. B., of Plainfield; leg broken.
DUNN, WILLIAM, of Norwood avenue, right leg DARM, W. H., of Plainfield, body crushed. usly can about the body and head; remained is

FORCE, GEORGE, East Front street, Plainfied out about the head and body; remained in Plainfield FERDERICKS. WILSON, councilman at Duneilen GIDDIE, WHALAM, of Dunellen; legs cut and bruised.
GEORGE, HOWARD P., Kirk place, Plainfield;
leg broken, scalp wound and cut; remained in

HARRIS, Mrs. Louis, of Montclair; cut and bruised; akento Elizabeth, then home. HARRIS, Miss, daughter of Mrs. Louis, face cut; HONETMAN, E. MAXWELL, of Plainfield, Jumped, slightly cut; remained in Plainfield. IMING. PERCY, of Id lafield; both legs badly

KANEN, FREDERICE. Watchung avenue, Plain-field; leg and back injured seriously; remained in LOCH, FRANK, of Belvidere avenue, Plainfield; jumped, slighty cut; remained in Plainfield. LANGWORTHY, CHARLES, of Plainfield, cuts

LYON, MARY, Of Plainfield; bruises.

McCarthy, Samuel, of Bogensville, N. J., fireman of the Royal Blue Line fiver; badly scaled.

At an early hour this morning, General Superintendent Huntington and General Manager Besler gave out the following statement in response to the insistent demand of the newspaper men that some

statement regarding the accident was due

Radrond, Roy. Park avenue, Plainfield; cut on ead and the upper part of the body; remained

WELCH, Mrs. --, of Plainfield; cuts.

mash came.

to the public.

before 7 o'clock.

PROINCER KILLED.

W. E. Davis, the engineer of the Phila-

delphia express, who, according to all the

signs last night, was the man responsible

for the catastrophe, was among the killed.

He was picked up after the crash with both

legs crushed and with mortal internal in-

juries. He had stuck to his post until the

The accident happened at about quarter

CFFICIAL EXPLANATI N.

"There was no excuse for the wreck. Davis ran past his signals, which were set against him. This is shown conclusively because the signals are still set and will remain set until the track has been cleared This shows that they were working properly and that Davis and no one else is

responsible. "Davis was a new man and was running 'extra'. He usually took that engine when the regular engineer was off."

BOTH TRAINS LATE.

The local express is known on the road as the Easton express. It is really a fast train for suburban people. Leaving Jersey City at 5:57 o'clock, it takes the side track at Cranford, ordinarily at about fifteen minutes after 6, to make way on the main west-bound track for the Philadelphia

Last night both trains were about fifteen minutes late out of Jersey City. The Easton express had orders to continue on the main track instead of taking the fourth way track" at Cranford. The conductor understood that he would get word later where the Philadelphia train was to pass

STOPPED BY HOT BOX.

Just after passing Cranford, the Easton Express slowed down and stopped on account of a hot box on one of the cars. The cars were of the small-windowed, rather old-fashioned type used for long-distance auburban purposes. The hot box was doctored within a hun-

dred yards or so of a flag station called Graceland, which is about a mile from Before the train was under way the

TWO CARS DEMOLISHED.

There were eight cars in the Easton train. The engine of the fast express tore clear into the first and second before anybody realized what had happened, climbunderneath.

The folks in those cars, which were more han comfortably filled, had no chance to escape or to lessen the shock which came

A RUN POR LIFE.

The passengers in the third and fourth cars forward, however, had time, if they were not stunned by the first shock of the collision, to save themselves. Scrambling around in the aisles in terrified confusion, they could hear and see the great mass of wreckage piling forward on them with an

A score or more ran screaming into the forward cars, taking the passengers in the cars they passed through with them in a constantly increasing tumult.

Almost all of those forward of the middle of the third car who were not too much bewildered by the shock and their bruises to

run forward in this way saved themselves. FOURTH CAR SMASHED, TOO

Afterward, the engine, pushing the piles of wreckage before it, slid over nearly to the end of the third car forward, and ahead of its bulk the fourth car forward was mashed in and made a part of the horrible bonfire to come.

FIRE STARTED INSTANTLY. Before the unhurt people in the forward part of the suburban train and in the Philadelphia train-none of whose passengers was seriously hurt-could get out and on the ground the fire started.

The engine by the time it at last stopped

its grinding crush forward was little better

than a tangled mass of steel and bent iron. The firebox spilled its load into the splinters of the cars on top of which the engine was Almost before any one could realize what was going to happen, the whole tangled mass of smashed cars with the writhing sufferers who were scattered above and below and all through it, was lighted by

ongues of flames that rose and crackled all along the path of the express engine. PART OF THE OTHER TRAIN WRECKED. The people in the Philadelphia Express were hardly in better condition to go to the rescue than the passengers of the train

which had been wrecked. The combination baggage car and smoker and the first coach of the express had been pushed forward after the engine by the heavy parlor cars behind and the combi-

was the first Scotch Whisky to become famous it is famous to-day. Sold everywhere. - Ade. Short Time: Short Line to Chicago

nation car was utterly demolished. The coach, which had not very many passengers. was ripped apart.

Plainfield. REIGETON, EVERETT, of Park avenue, Plainfield; Persons who stopped to do any thinking RUNYON, HOWARD J., Rahway road, Plainfield, cut about the body and head; remained in Plain in the confusion which reigned after the wreck last night could not understand field.
Sanford, Walter, of East Fifth street, Plainfield;
cut about head and body; not serious; remained
in Plainfield.
VANDEVENTER, WILLIAM, of Plainfield, cut by how the passengers in the smoker and the first coach of the Philadelphia train

The villages and towns along the Central in the neighborhood where the wreck occurred are almost continuously built up. The collision made a tremendous racket, which called everybody within quarter

of a mile of the place out of doors. TWO WOMEN TO THE RESCUE.

Mrs. H. A. Hankinson lives in the house nearest to the spot where the trains smashed together. Her back yard is toward the track, and there is no gate in her fence.

She grabbed up an axe in the yard as soon as her ears took in the meaning of the screams and shouts which followed the first crash and smashed her way through the fence to the work of rescue. She was almost immediately joined by a neighbor, Mrs. John Gluck, and after these two women all Graceland, and then Cranford and West-

field and Netherwood poured out. The family of John Wyckoff, who lived but a few hundred yards from the wreck, also ran to the scene and began doing what they could.

GENERAL ALARM SOUNDED. Some of the men, finding at once that the situation was one with which no mere handful of people could possibly deal, made for telephones and called up the central telephone offices in all the nearby towns asking that the news be spread and that fremen and doctors be summoned as soon as possi-

For a time no one realized that a third rain had been added to the wreck. The eastbound train from Plainfield to New York, leaving Plainfield at 6.35, had come smashing into the wreckage heaped on the southern side of the cars before the tumult made by the first collision had subsided. This train was not derailed altogether,

of the other train were ground to death beneath it and the whole pile of horror was tipped over on itself on the north side of the

but the wounded thrown out from the wreck

THE HORROR OF IT. Those who came to the rescue after the first summons found themselves moving as though in a horrible nightmare. Asked afterward to tell what they saw, they began to explain about stumbling across some one's mangled body, or picking up a moaning mass of humanity that they discovered only by a tattered remnant of clothing to be a woman with just enough life left to moan an unintelligible request for help

that could not be given. There was so much that was horrible, so much that was beyond all believing in Philadelphia Express ploughed into it from the confusion of suffering and of death n its most horrible forms, that each new sight seemed to have blotted out those that went before.

> The wreck burned for a quarter of an our before the first firemen came.

PRISONERS OF DEATH.

Men and women who were struggling. unhurt, but pinned down on the top of the wreckage, screamed in vain for help to those who were lifting out the first they could reach and who had the heartbreaking choice of taking those near at hand and leaving those who would require more

time to the flames. One man, about whom the fire was already playing, screamed shrilly to two men who were carrying off a woman who was un-

Let me speak to her."

o him by those who heard the cry they had carried the woman through the fence and the wreck had lurched inward, carry-The fire burned higher and higher until

"That's my wife. Let me look at her.

But before their attention could be called

t lighted up the country for a mile or more With the chunks of wood that went whirling into the air were burning pieces of clothing, overcoats and hats, which blazed out of the red glare. Some of these things were found a quarter of a mile away

from the scene late last night.

Many of the physicians who answered the first summons came running from their homes in their shirt sleeves. They were overwhelmed with work from the The Hankinson and Gluck and Wyckoff

nouses were made hospitals.

To get the injured into Mrs. Hankinson's house as quickly as possible the rescuers tore away the back of the building with picks and axes. Mrs. Hankinson said it was the proper thing to do. Each man who came in dragging a mangled victim had some new experience of

horror to work upon the feelings of all. A Mr. Wall of Westfield fell across the body of a man, both of whose legs were cut off. The man clutched at Mr. Wall's leg and begged him to kill him. Mr Wall tried to lift him, and the man died.

DIED CALLING FOR WATER. A moment later he heard screaming from the gully beside the track. "For God's sake, somebody give me a

Mr. Wall found him and put a flask at his lips, but before the first drop could pass he sufferer's lips he fell back dead. There was no end to the incidents of that

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